

**EXHIBIT “A”**

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February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Your Honor,

I am acquainted with the Aronbayev/Petrov family for a lengthy period of time. I'm writing a character reference for Ilya Petrov who comes from a very well-known family of a father who was a director of children's theater and a mother who was a school teacher.

This family went through immigration hardships. However, despite all difficulties, Ilya was motivated and after completing high school, he became an auxiliary officer and afterwards he decided to serve in the United States Marines and received an honorable discharge.


Ilya also got accepted into the police force and attended John Jay College. With time, Ilya experienced great losses in his life as his mother passed away when he was in his early twenties. He then went to work to provide for his family as he married in 2008 and is currently a father to a 4 year old daughter. To my knowledge Ilya Petrov is a great man. He is generous, honest, hardworking and fair.



Rafael B. Nektalov,

An Editor-in-Chief of "The Bukharian Times" newspaper

State of NY  
Queens County  
before me  
this 10th DAY of February, 2015



Notary Public for the State of New York  
No. 0120212161  
Qualified in Queens County  
Certificate filed in Queens County  
Commission Expires 11/30/2018

**Rabbi Mordechai German**  
Congregation B'nai Israel

בס"ד  
מרדכי גרמן  
ק"ק בני ישראל

February 9, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Ilya Petrov has been a generous and active individual who has contributed greatly to our synagogue fund. He has donated over \$1,000 to our organization within the last six months and is continuing to be dedicated to our cause.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Mordechai German



**American Friends of Yad Eliezer, Inc.**  
**1102 East 26th Street ~ Brooklyn, NY 11210**  
**Phone: 718.258.1580 ~ Fax: 718.252.0091**  
**www.yadeliezer.org**

Anonymous

Nov 13, 2014

On behalf of all the recipients of Yad Eliezer assistance, thank you for your generosity. It is deeply appreciated and it will be put to wonderful use! May you continue to be able to care for the neediest and most vulnerable amongst us, and may you continue to have the capacity to care.

Sincerely,

Sori Tropper  
Director

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**OFFICIAL RECEIPT**

Receipt No: 00439170

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**American Friends of Yad Eliezer, Inc.**  
**1102 East 26th Street**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11210**

**Date: 11/13/2014**  
Cash

**Thank you for your generous donation of \$700.00**

Anonymous

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## CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) ARANBAYEV, Ilya		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH USMC - 11		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 120 82 1693	
4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK Cpl	b. PAY GRADE E4	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) 19821211		6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20080203	
7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY 64-45 Booth Street Apt 507, Queens, NY 11374		b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) New York MEPS, Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700			
8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND 1st Marine Corps District			b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED Recruiting Station New York (RUC 80001)		
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED CG, MCRSC, 15303 Andrews Rd, Kansas City, MO 64147-1207			10. SGLI COVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 250,000.00		
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) 0311 - Rifleman 03 yrs 08 mos 9916 - Recruiter Aide 03 yrs 00 mos		12. RECORD OF SERVICE		YEAR(S)	MONTH(S)
		a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD		2000	07
		b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD		2004	07
		c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD		04	00
		d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE		00	00
		e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE		00	00
		f. FOREIGN SERVICE		00	00
		g. SEA SERVICE		00	00
h. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE		2001	09	01	
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Mast, Rifle Qualification (Sharpshooter)			14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed) SGT Non-Resident Program (T3W) PA 2004, Rifleman (031) PA 2000, Recruit Training, Male (808) PA 2000		
15a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID RL 0.0 SL 2.0		17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
18. REMARKS Good Conduct Medal Period Commences: 20030509 Subject to active duty recall and/or annual screening. While a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, you will keep the CG, MCRSC (Toll Free 1 (800) 255-5082) informed of any changes of address, marital status, number of dependents, civilian employment, or physical standards. Not a final discharge. Serial# 80001-2004-4012					
The information contained herein is subject to computer matching within the Department of Defense or with any other affected Federal or non-Federal agency for verification purposes and to determine eligibility for, and/or continued compliance with, the requirements of a Federal benefit program.					
19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include ZIP Code) 64-45 Booth Street Apt 507, Queens, NY 11374			b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include ZIP Code) Simon Arambayev (Father) 64-45 Booth Street Apt 507, Queens, NY 11374		
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 BE SENT TO NY			DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED <i>Ilya Arambayev</i>		22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature) M. D. Johnson, SSgt, Admin Chief			
SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)					
23. TYPE OF SEPARATION Released from active duty		24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrades) HONORABLE			
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY MARCORSEPMAN par 1005		26. SEPARATION CODE MBK1		27. REENTRY CODE RE-1A	
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION Completion of Required Active Service					
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) None				30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 (Initials) J.A.	

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SERVICE - 2

GS-5 L. Coleman 02011230

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY



# Honorable Discharge



from the Armed Forces of the United States of America

*This is to certify that*

SERGEANT ILYA ARANBAYEV 1693

*was Honorably Discharged from the*

# United States Marine Corps

on the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2008 This certificate is awarded

*as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service*

*A. B. Davis*

A. B. Davis  
Major General, USMCR  
Commanding General



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
MARINE CORPS MOBILIZATION COMMAND  
15303 ANDREWS RD.  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64147-1207

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
IRRD  
10-Apr-2008

DEAR SGT ILYA ARANBAYEV,

This discharge certificate is a testimonial of your honorable service. It signifies that you have served in a proficient and industrious manner in the defense of your country. No greater honor accrues to any citizen. On behalf of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, please accept the gratitude of our great nation and best wishes in your future endeavors.

A. B. Davis  
Major General, USMCR  
Commanding General

ILYA ARANBAYEV  
64-45 BOOTH ST APT#507  
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